THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. The University of Delhi has informed that the Equivalence Committee of the University has approved the equivalence of B.A. (formal stream) and B. Com (formal steam) of IGNOU to B.A.(Pass) and B. Com (Pass) degrees of Delhi University respectively and the Vice-Chancellor has accorded his approval to this equivalence under his emergency powers.

(b) Does not arise.

Charge of old question paper

3381. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the old (past) Question papers of the X and XII examination of CBSE are being exhorbitantly charged;

(b) what was the rate charged earlier and being charged now; and

(c) why such a huge charge is allowed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE): (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) As per the information given by the CBSE, the Board used to sell its unused question papers of class X and class XII examinations at a minimum rate of Rs. 4/- per set before 1990. Since 1990-91, the authorised publisher of the CBSE has been selling the question papers in the form of a booklet after printing. The 1993 rates of the booklets are given below:—

Class		No. of Question Papers in the set	Rates
X		66	Rs. 35/
XII	Commerce Group	54	Rs. 28/
	Science Group	48	Rs. 20/
	Humanities Group	57	Rs. 23/

Apart from reprinting, the increase in number of question papers due to introduction of multiple sets has pushed up the price per set.

Pension to players

3382. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any programmes to allot pension to persons who have represented our nation in International Sports meets;

(b) if so, what are the plans and modalities of payments;

(c) whether Government are aware that even prominent cricketers are said to have been in the clutches of poverty and agony; and

(d) whether Government in such cases will come forward to award pension to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI